Energy Saving Technology

*428. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have urged all the large industrial units to adopt energy saving technology while processing petroleum products; and

(b) if so, the guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) and (b): Directorate General of Technical Development have urged the large industrial units to adopt energy saving technology. Suggestions for energy audit, information system explaining measures taken to reduce energy consumption, publication of success stories, setting up consumer service cells, R&D programme including training on energy conservation etc. have been circulated to various industries through Development Panels and Development Councils of Industries.

Oil refineries producing petroleum products are also constantly urged to adopt energy saving techniques and their performance is regularly monitored.

Committee on Working of ICAR

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4652. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dr. G. V. K. Rao Committee appointed by the Government to go into the working of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, Dr. G.V.K. Rao Committee, which was appointed by the President, ICAR Society, submitted its report.

(b) Important recommendations relate to administrative reforms, delegation of powers, simplification of procedures, strengthening of linkages with universities/scientific organisations, strengthening of the transfer of technology programmes, identification of thrust areas of research, and improvements in the research planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation systems, etc.

(c) Most of the recommendations have been accepted by ICAR and necessary action to implement them has been taken.

Constitution of NFCH

4653. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) for providing relief to the children of the communal riots affacted families; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.N.